Statement-II

The remedial steps taken by the Food Corporation of India to check corruption

(i) Setting of Depot Inspection Monitoring Cell (DIMC)

(ii) Rotation of officers from sensitive seats to non-sensitive seats

	No. of staff rotated
2004	1268
2005	3670
2006	1750

(iii) Surveillance of officers on

(a) Agreed List — 82 (Cat 1, 2 officers)

(b) Doubted Integrity List — 442 (Cat 1, 14 Officers)

(iv) Identification of

(a) High Loss Storage Depots.

(b) High Loss Railheads for transit losses.

(c) Depot/centers/repeatedly procurement substandard/bad quality of rice (e.g. Muktsar Centre of Faridkot, Punjab).

(v) Intensive checking of above operational points.

(vi) Use of computers, payment through ECS, restrictions on payment in cash.

(vii) Up-gradation of mechanical weighbridges to Electronic Weighbridges (out of 617, 315 have been upgraded).

Buffer stock of sugar

†2009. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any proposal to set up a buffer stock of sugar worth Rs. 250 crores to bail out sugar industries and to remain in International Competition;

(b) if so, whether the said buffer stock would be maintained by Government or the stock would be kept with sugar mills; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether while determining the sugar policy, efforts would be made to resolve the problems being faced by the farmers at present while selling their sugarcane produce, keeping in view their interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to create buffer stock of sugar worth Rs. 250 crores.

(c) The Central Government is always careful of the interests of the sugarcane growers and it addresses the problems of sugarcane growers from time to time, as and when such need arises.

Exclusion of Bengal gram from futures trading

2010. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has suggested to exclude Bengal gram and such other commodities required for daily consumption from the futures trading; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in temperature

2011. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any specific assessment of the impact of the predicted 2° to 5° C increase in the global temperature in the course of this century in the context of India's water resources and agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The results of the